

# LO: learn about some of the national celebrations across the UK.

- Learn about national celebrations in each of the nations within the UK.
- Find out how these celebrations were celebrated in the past and why.
- Learn how they are celebrated today and when.
- Choose a creative activity to join in one of the celebrations.



# England

National celebrations are events that are celebrated across the whole country. Usually they are not religious. English celebrations include:

- May Day
- St George's Day
- Mother's Day/Father's Day
- The Queen's birthday



# Scotland

Scotland is the second largest nation in the UK. It has a rich cultural history with many national celebrations:

- Burns Night
- The Highland Games
- St Andrew's Day
- Hogmanay (New Year's Eve)



# Wales

Wales has many celebrations and stories to share.

- St David's Day
- Royal Welsh Show
- Calan Gaeaf



# Northern Ireland

Many of Ireland's national celebrations are tied to its history as part of Ireland as a whole. The mostly widely celebrated day is:

- St Patrick's Day



# Your tasks

1. Choose **one celebration from one country** to find out more about. Use the internet or the links below.
2. Write three facts about your chosen celebration.
3. On the next slide, choose a creative activity to celebrate your chosen celebration (or make up your own)

St Georges Day: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-st-georges-day?collection=lets-celebrate-celebrations>,  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmsm47h>

May Day <https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/May-Day/390805>

St Andrew's Day <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/20556587>

Burns Night <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/16722720>

St Patrick's Day <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-st-patricks-day?collection=lets-celebrate-celebrations>

St David's Day <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-st-davids-day?collection=lets-celebrate-celebrations>



# Your task



**Choose a creative activity to celebrate your chosen celebration (or make up your own)**

- **St Georges Day:** make a picnic of English food. Make a lion mask and tell someone about the story of St George.
- **May Day:** use long material tied to a pole or tree and dance around your may pole.
- **St Andrew's Day/ Burns Night:** Participate in a homemade Highland Games with some Scottish dancing and a Scottish picnic. Make Nessie sock puppets who explain to one another what they have learnt about Scotland.
- **St Patrick's Day:** take part in a Lord Mayor's parade, do some Irish dancing, make and eat an Irish picnic.
- **St David's Day:** draw a decorate a daffodil to represent St David .



